## The Friendly Community Newsletter Special Election Edition



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# The Mayor's Column-Gas Aggregation

Neighbors working together to lower their expenses!



Ohio Law allows communities to join their citizens together to buy natural gas as a group and thereby gain "buying power". This is called Government Aggregation. The Village Council passed Ordinance 2016-08 to have this placed on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 primary election ballot. Now a majority of village voters can authorize govern-mental aggregation. It is the Council and Mayors hope that the following information will help you understand aggregation and how this program could benefit you and our community:

- Significant Buying Power By combining households and businesses together, we will receive rates typically reserved for large energy users.
- \* Competitive Energy Rates As a buying community, more energy suppliers will be fighting for your business, creating competition and further driving down energy prices.
- \* No Opt-Out or ETF Fees Community Aggregations negotiate favorable terms which allow for any participant to opt-out free of early termination fees. Residents can switch or cancel at any time without termination fees.
- \* Community Specific Customer Service - Suppliers offer improved customer service to their Aggregation

Programs. Benefits can include 24/7 live customer service reps, community specific call centers and websites as well as multilingual agents to help with your energy needs.

- No Change in Your Utility Even after your community decides to participate in an Aggregation, you will continue to receive your energy distribution from your local utility
- The aggregations will give the residents price stability and protection as the market increases, currently at a three (3) year low.
- Residents are able to keep **budget billing**.

Town Hall Meeting on Aggregation at the Village Council Meeting on October 5th after 6:30 pm 200 East Station Street

There are more than 300 Ohio Communities which have already approved their Community's participation in a Natural Gas Aggregation Program. By voting YES you will be able to take advantage of the same lower energy costs these other communities are already realizing by sharing the benefits. A sample of the PROPOSED GAS AGGREGA-TION Ballot is below. It will appear as the last item on page two of your Ballot.

#### Proposed (Ordinance/Resolution) Gas Aggregation Village of Ashville

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the Village of Ashville have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the Village of Ashville, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out?



#### November 6, 2016 Daylight Savings Time

On Sunday at 2:00 AM clocks are turned backward one hour to Sunday, November 6, 1:00 AM local standard time instead Thus sunrise and sunset will be about one hour earlier. There will be more light in the morning. This is also called Fall Back & Winter Time.



Village Council Meetings Every 1st and 3rd Monday Time: 6:30 pm Council Committee Meetings Every 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm

Holiday Mondays will move the meeting forward by one week

#### Next Month..

- Fall Events
- Recycle Year in Review
- Leaf Pick-up

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### The Legislative Corner

This section provides the title to Ordinances and Resolutions being considered by Village Council. To read the entire text go to our website. Enacted legislation will be found under "Village Government"; and Legislation that is being considered can be found under "Village Council—Agenda".

- ♦ Resolution 14-2016 A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Ashville Participation in the Development of a North Gate Alliance CEDA Foundation
- Resolution 13-2016 Tax Budget



- Parade forms at 2 pm at the Post Office at the corner of Long and Main.
- Costume judging at the Ashville Park after the Parade, including refreshments.
- Trick or Treat from 4 pm until 5:30 pm

Sunday, October 30th

### Adopt-A-Pet Month

During October, we're encouraging people to adopt a shelter animal and experience the joy of finding their own answers to the following questions.

Are you looking for:

- ♦ an exercise buddy?
- ♦ a partner in agility competitions?
- ♦ a best friend & confidant for your child?
- ♦ a pet you can train with to learn animal-assisted therapy?
- ♦ a constant companion for your favorite senior citizen?
- ♦ a fuzzy face to greet you after a hard day at work? An adopted pet can be all these things - and so much more! Our local shelter is the perfect place to find dogs of every type, size, age and personality - all waiting for a loving home. If you prefer a particular breed that isn't currently available at a shelter, go online to find a breed-specific rescue group in need of adopters like you. Find out what our shelter or rescue can bring to your life this October during Adopt-A-Pet Month!

#### ASHVILLE VISION STATEMENT

Remembering our rural heritage, Ashville will be a vibrant and friendly community, offering an enhanced quality of life achieved through planning, progress and collaboration.

It will be a welcoming place where people want to live and businesses prosper.

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#### This Sample Ballot is November 8th is Election Day for the North Precinct. This sample ballot was produced by the Pickaway County Board of Elections web site. The order of the candidates Pickaway County OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT will vary, please review For Chief Justice of the Supreme that order carefully if you Pickaway County November 8, 2016 (Full term commencing 1/1/2017) (Vote for not more than 1) use this as a voting guide. Instructions to Voter Maureen O'Connor To vote: completely darken the oval ( ) to the left of your choice. For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1/1/2017) (Vote for not more than 1) · Note the permitted number of choices directly below the title of each candidate office. Do not mark the ballot Where to vote? for more choices than allowed. Vote either "Yes" or "No," or "For" or "Against," on any issue. If you mark the ballot for more choices than permitted, that contest or question will not be counted. Same location for all precincts: To vote for a write-in candidate: completely darken the oval ( ) to the left of the blank line and write in Pat Fischer the candidate's name. Only votes cast for candidates who filed as write-in candidates can be counted. Ashville – East John P. O'Donnell Do not write in a candidate's name if that person's name is already printed on the ballot for that same contest. Ashville - West • If you make a mistake or want to change your vote: return your ballot to an election official and get a new ballot. You may ask for a new ballot up to two times. For Justice of the Supreme Court (Full term commencing 1/2/2017) (Vote for not more than 1) Village Church United · Use a black pen. For President and Vice President Pat DeWine Methodist Church (UMC) For Prosecuting Attorney (Vote for not more than 1) For U.S. Senator A vote for any candidates for Preside Vice President shall be a vote for the (Vote for not more than 1) $\circ$ Cynthia Rice 30 Circleville Avenue For Judge of the Court of Appeals (4th District) (Full term commencing 2/9/2017) electors of those candidates whose names have been certified to the Secretary of State. Scott Rupert Judy C. Wolford (Viking Way) (Full term commencing 2/9/2017) (Vote for not more than 1) VOTE For President **Ted Strickland** For Clerk of the Court of Common Ashville - North Jill Stein Democratic Valarie K. Gerlach For Vice President Tom Connors (Vote for not more than 1) Ajamu Baraka Green Nonparty Ca Ashville Church of Matthew W. McFarland Joseph R. DeMare James Dean Republican Thomas Clark Zwayer Democratic For President Rob Portman Proposed (Ordinance/Resolution) Christ In Christian Union Gas Aggregation Donald J. Trump 420 Long Street For Sheriff Village of Ashville Michael R. Pence A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. Write-in (Vote for not more than 1) Ashville, Ohio 43103 Wm. Jason Lawless Republican For President For Representative to Congress (15th District) (Vote for not more than 1) Shall the Village of Ashville have the Hillary Clinton Board of Elections Website: authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the Village of Ashville, and for that purpose, enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the For Vice President Robert B. Radcliff Tim Kaine http://www.electionsonthe.n 🖈 Steve Stivers Republican For County Recorder (Vote for not more than 1) sale and purchase of natural gas, such et/oh/pickaway/ aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out? For President Scott Wharton Richard Duncan Joyce R. Gifford For Vice President For State Senator $\bigcirc$ Ricky Johnson Yes (20th District) Vote for not more than 1) Nonparty Candidates For County Treasurer (Vote for not more than 1) $\bigcirc$ No For President Troy Balderson Gary Johnson For Vice President General Election Ellery S. Elick For State Representative (78th District) William Weld Jan Shannon Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) (Vote for not more than 1) Ron Hood For President Fayette, Highland, Pickaway, Pike, For County Engineer and Ross Counties For County Commissione Write-in (Full term commencing 1/2/2017) (Vote for not more than 1) Paint Valley Alcohol, Drug \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ **Chris Mullins** For Vice President Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMH) Harold Henson Information in this newsletter was sup-Write-in For Coroner A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. (Vote for not more than 1) Michael R. Parks plied by the following websites-An additional tax for the benefit of the Paint Warren R. Spangler Pickaway County Election Information at: John A. Ellis An additional tax for the benefit of the Paint Valley Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMH) Board for the purpose of meeting the current expenses of the joint county alcohol, drug addiction and mental health service district at a rate not exceeding one (1) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to tap cents. www.electionsonthe.net/oh/pickaway/ For Member of the State Board of For County Commissioner State of Ohio Election Information at: (Full term commencing 1/3/2017) (Vote for not more than 1) (9th District) www.sos.state.oh.us/ Vote for not more than 1) aluation, which amounts to ten cents John R. Ankrom Federal Voting Assistance Programs at: (\$0.10) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for ten (10) years, commencing in 2016, first due in calendar year 2017. Stephanie Dodd www.fvap.gov/ **Brian Stewart** League of Women Voters at: Page 1 of 2 Turn Ballot Over For the Tax Levy www.lwv.org/ Circleville Herald at: Circleville Herald Against the Tax Levy Typ:01 Seq:0019 Spl:01

#### Natural Gas Aggregation FAQs

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YES 1. Who will be eligible to participate in the program? With certain exceptions, all residential and nonresidential customers that use less than 500,000 cubic feet per year at a single location, that are located within NO the municipal boundaries of the Village are eligible to be included in the aggregation program. Also, eligible customers who are currently receiving their natural gas supply from a competitive supplier will not be automatically enrolled in the program, but may elect to participate subject to the terms and conditions of their current supply agreement.

www.circlevilletoday.com/

How much will I save if I participate in the program? It is very difficult to predict savings due to the variable nature of the natural gas market. However, compared to the previous year, July 2015-July 2014, the average household would have saved approximately 11.3% off their natural gas utility bills. Information from: http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/